

House Resolution 180

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26th, Collins of the 27th, Mills of the 25th, Allison of the 8th, Amerson of the 9th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to facilitate the building of reservoirs upstream from Lake
2 Sidney Lanier; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, water is vital to human existence, providing humans, plants, and animals with
4 the sustenance needed for survival; and

5 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia currently is in a long-term drought; and

6 WHEREAS, the average annual rainfall for Georgia is 50 inches, however, as of December
7 1, 2008, the state had received only 37 inches of rain; and

8 WHEREAS, over five million people depend on Lake Sidney Lanier and the Chattahoochee
9 River for their water supply; and

10 WHEREAS, the building of reservoirs upstream from Lake Sidney Lanier is necessary to
11 control water levels so that the people of Georgia and the surrounding states are ensured an
12 adequate supply of water.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 this body does hereby urge the United States Congress to assist Georgia in our water needs
15 by helping facilitate the building of reservoirs on Chattahoochee National Forest land to
16 supplement water inflow and maintain adequate water levels in Lake Sidney Lanier.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama,
19 each member of the Georgia congressional delegation, the United States Forest Service, and
20 the United States Army Corps of Engineers.